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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patent  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 28, 2005, for which a response is due August 28, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition for a 5-month extension of time (fee was previously paid on August 26, 2005, copy attached), thereby extending the deadline for response to January 30, 2006 (January 28, 2006 fell on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Claim 1-49 were presented for examination at filing. On July 28, 2005, a Requirement for Restriction was issued, setting out two groups of claims. In response, Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 34-49), without traverse.

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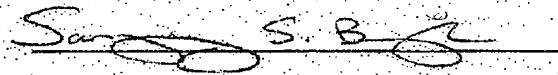
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Accordingly, Applicants believe that, in light of the election presented herein, claims 34-49 are presently under consideration. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application. Applicants respectfully request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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